

As a small entertainment business owner, located in Fairborn Ohio and servicing the Dayton market; I can honestly say with conviction, that "none" of our local radio stations are serving our local public's interests. Especially Clear Channel owned radio stations.

I've heard the radio DJs on 103.9 WXEG on several occasions announce over the airwaves about how their boss is on the war path because some local business owner had a problem with Clear Channel and the DJs will make comments about how their boss is probably going to cause that company a lot of problems and crush their feeble little company. Now how can that be in the public's best interest, when we already have a shortage of jobs?

Another issue I have is that there is absolutely no way to get a local artist added to any of our local radio station's regular rotation playlists. No matter how much the Dayton local public shows an interest in the local artist's music. This makes it extremely difficult for local independent artists to operate their businesses and develop/expand into main attractions that are able to compete with Clear Channel promoted concerts and tours. Or any current local Dayton radio station exclusively promoted concert/event/tour, for that matter.

We're talking about airwaves that are supposed to be public property. Yet, the public has no say whatsoever of what local content is to be broadcast, other than the choices that they're given from some predetermined national playlist solicited by "exclusive" national radio promoter(s). That sounds like a monopoly to me. Why can't the public determine what local artists get spins and which ones that don't?

My professional opinion is that our local radio stations have basically choked to death our local professional independent music community and has effectively eliminated them of being any type of competition whatsoever. The longer it continues, the worse it will get.